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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
	:	Examiner: Steven Y. Kau
Kenji MIKAMI)	
	:	Group Art Unit: 2625
Application No.: 10/765,398)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 2551
Filed: January 28, 2004)	
	:	November 21, 2008
For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD AND STORAGE MEDIUM)	

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant is in receipt of an Official Action, dated July 21, 2008, entering a final rejection in the above-identified application.

Applicant is concurrently filing a Petition for Extension of Time and a Request for Continued Examination with this Preliminary Amendment.

In response to the Official Action, the Examiner is requested to amend the application, as follows.